



City of Hampton, VA

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Hampton, VA 23669
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W. H. "Billy" Hobbs, Jr.
Will Moffett
Chris Snead
Molly Joseph Ward, Mayor

Christopher G. Stuart
Donnie R. Tuck
George E. Wallace

Staff:
Mary Bunting, City Manager
Cynthia Hudson, City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

Monday, July 2, 2012	11:58 AM	Council Chambers, 8th Floor, City Hall
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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MOLLY JOSEPH WARD PRESIDED

PRESENT: W. H. "Billy" Hobbs, Jr., Will Moffett, Chris Snead, Christopher G. Stuart, Donnie R. Tuck, George E. Wallace

Mayor Ward welcomed everyone to the special swearing-in ceremony.

INVOCATION - Christopher C. Carter, New Hope Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADMINISTERING OF THE OATH OF OFFICE - Linda Batchelor-Smith, Clerk of Hampton Circuit Court

Ms. Batchelor-Smith administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected members of Council, W. H. "Billy" Hobbs, Jr. and Chris Snead. She then administered the Oath of Office to Councilman (Vice Mayor) George E. Wallace and Mayor Molly Joseph Ward.

Mayor Ward recognized Congressman Bobby Scott, Senator Mamie Locke, Delegate Mary Christian, former Councilman Turner Spencer, School Board Member Jennifer Phillips and Commonwealth's Attorney Anton Bell who were in attendance.

Clerk of Council Ms. Katherine Glass called the roll.

AGENDA

1. 12-0201 Election of Vice Mayor

Councilman Moffett nominated Councilman George E. Wallace as Vice Mayor.

Councilwoman Snead seconded the nomination.

MOVED TO nominate George Wallace as Vice Mayor.

Motion made by: Councilmember Will Moffett

Seconded by: Councilmember Chris Snead

Ayes: 7 - W. H. "Billy" Hobbs, Jr., Will Moffett, Chris Snead, Christopher G. Stuart, Donnie R. Tuck, George E. Wallace, Molly Joseph Ward

Nays: 0

2. 12-0202 Remarks

Councilman Hobbs thanked everyone for their help and encouragement throughout the election process. He stated the election was very important to him because he loves the City of Hampton and the citizens of Hampton. He thanked the group of people who came together to figure things out regarding the election and noted everyone on the dais helped in some fashion. He recalled hearing scripture read at Pastor Carter's church from 1 Samuel, Chapter 3 about Samuel's repeated reply "no" to a calling and stated he (Councilman Hobbs) was somewhat like that (Samuel). He then promised the citizens of Hampton that if he makes mistakes, they will be mistakes of the head, not the heart. He also promised to work hard to do his best and encouraged the citizens to contact the Clerk of Council for his contact information should they want to reach him, particularly if they would like for him to participate and/or get involved in specific issues within the City. He added he is here for the citizens, wants to do a good job and will not let them down or embarrass them.

Councilwoman Snead thanked the citizens of Hampton for choosing her to represent them in moving Hampton forward. She reminded everyone that this body is responsible for addressing City challenges as well as embracing opportunities in order to make Hampton the best City possible. She stated she is honored to be a part of setting the future direction of Hampton and asked the citizens to understand that in doing so, everyone may not be happy with what may be proposed. She pledged to take this job very seriously, to properly evaluate each issue and to make decisions she feels best for the citizens of Hampton. She stated she looks forward to working with City Council and staff and added we will not all agree on how to address every issue; however, different opinions make for greatness and she believes that the individuals present today will work together to make Hampton great. She thanked her family, campaign team, contributors and volunteers. Councilwoman Snead concluded her comments by publicly thanking her daughter Samantha for supporting her in all of her endeavors. She stated Samantha is a mother's dream and she cannot thank her enough for being a good child and now a fantastic adult.

Vice Mayor Wallace honored God for the blessings He has showered upon him (Vice Mayor Wallace) for ordering his steps to be at this place at this time. He thanked the thousands of people who have supported him in order to make today possible. He thanked his wife Mary, the most fervent person of support, for being his lifetime champion for all of his initiatives, working tirelessly on every venture to make him the best he can be, shielding him from all angles and on occasion giving him a swift kick to either loosen his inertia or keep him grounded. He thanked his Campaign Manager Roland White who has never seen a campaign he could not win handsomely having led his two successful campaigns as well as ones for Turner Spencer. He thanked his strategic planning group for being superb and talented leaving no stone unturned. He thanked all of his financial contributors and stated without them, this would not be

possible. He expressed appreciation to the thousands of citizens of Hampton who placed him on this mantel of leadership with their votes. He promised and committed to continue to listen and use the knowledge and skills they have invested in him to work with diligence, dedication and dignity to make Hampton a place we are all proud to call home. He stated he is honored that his peers selected him as Vice Mayor and is pleased that they placed this level of confidence in him. He said he would do all he can to make those on the dais and the citizens proud of their selection.

Mayor Ward called for additional comments from the dais. There were no additional comments. She then thanked the citizens for their support, help and confidence during the last few months and stated she looks forward to serving with all of you.

Councilman Hobbs, Councilwoman Snead, and Vice Mayor Wallace gave remarks.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 P.M.

Molly Joseph Ward
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____